



NEWS RELEASE

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STATE ROUTE 18 “THE NARROWS” IS OPEN

San Bernardino – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has reopened the 2.7-mile segment on State Route 18 from the junction of SR-18/SR-138 to Crest Forest Drive at approximately 9:30 a.m., November 4, 2004. An estimated \$175,000 worth of emergency work was completed in two weeks after recent storms caused the closure of SR-18 in an area known as “The Narrows”.

Mud and debris flow from the upper mountain came onto the roadway causing some minor damage. Crews worked to clean drains and wire mesh and to restore a couple of the drains. Last year’s fires have eradicated growth and shrubbery that would otherwise hold debris on the side of the mountain. The new drains and wire mesh worked as planned and without them there would have been more severe damage to “The Narrows”.

Caltrans appreciates your patience during this emergency work and reminds everyone to pay attention, stay alert and always **SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.**

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